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DEVICE AND SYSTEM)	

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously cited in prior Application Nos. 09/738,590 and 09/970,195, filed on December 15, 2000 and October 2, 2001 respectively, upon which applicants claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not being submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

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